



Attorney Docket No. 9022-42

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Maurer et al. Confirmation No.: 4853
Application No.: 10/782,459 Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed: February 19, 2004
For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS OF SAFINGOL AND METHODS OF
USING THE SAME

Date: December 14, 2004

Mail Stop MISSING PARTS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) FOR SUBMITTING MISSING PARTS**

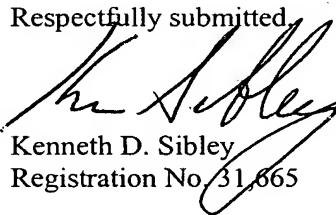
Sir:

The applicant hereby petitions for a **five (5)** month extension of time for submitting the Response to Missing Parts for the above-identified application. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed **May 14, 2004**. Thus, the missing parts were originally due on **July 14, 2005**. This Petition thus requests that the due date for the missing parts be extended to **December 14, 2004**.

The required fee [37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)] of **\$2,160** is enclosed; The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee, deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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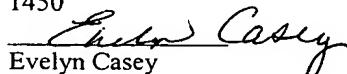

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